pavonine = like a peacock
equinal = horse
Donation of Constantine = Catholic forgery ca. 600 A.D that gave it control of empire
Last Will & Testament = anti-red diatribe, proof to show Russian conquest of earthly prize of Soviets.

DRAFT #1

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Dear Editor:

It is important to respond to the falsifications in Ralph Luker's recent letter, but because the JAH has limited space I cannot effectively do so. Suffice it therefore to say there is not a single truth in it and it misleads as it falsifies our history.

His use of Shakespeare and earlier of Lewis Carroll is impressive, but I simply lack the erudition he has so excellently and pavoninely displayed. I must make do with Abraham Lincoln. I grew up on the prairies of Illinois at a time when many of the old generation told stories of Lincoln; a few had met him. One story related Lincoln's talk with a farmer who had an almost grown son slated one day to take over the farm. Would the lad be able to handle it was Lincoln's question? The farmer snorted and exclaimed in wonder, "Why yes, you fool! Don't you know he already knows the names of all the horses?" Luker's equinal precocity brings that story to mind.

Posner's wretched volume belongs historically to that long chain of deliberately false books designed to corrupt key political, ethnic, religious, and racial issues that as members well know trace back through the Donation of Constantine, the Last Will and Testament of Peter the Great, and the Protocols of Zion, the stuff of graduate seminars, and a delight and necessity to study. Luker's adoration of Posner recalls another Lincoln story.

One day Lincoln spoke with a religious fanatic who believed the earth was flat. Lincoln tried as best he could to show him it was round, by circumnavigation, by shadow shape eclipses cast on the moon, by bent of the prairie rim, and in other ways. But the true believer sharply rebuffed him with the statement, "Humh! Stuff and nonsense. I got a Big Book at home with a map of this here earth in it, and that map is flat!" When I see Luker firmly clasp his procrustean Big Book I see the wisdom imparted by that story from my long ago youth.

A dismal feature of the history of the JFK and King assassinations has been the belief by many who have studied their life or the historical forces around them that they therefore can astutely comment on their assassinations. This is the fallacy of false analogical identity for these are sharply different subjects, in complexity and extent of documentation, in the knowledge required to address issues, in the political dimensions of the federal corrupt investigations, and in similar topics consuming years of struggle to master. Obviously Luker not only lacks the subject-matter knowledge and experience that stand as the time-tested sill beams for appropriate and responsible evaluation but also demonstrates in his rant and ad hominem focus that he is profoundly ignorant even of its existence; yet, he speaks as if ex cathedra from the evidentiary base. He has not even deigned to ask me for a copy of the indispensable Weisberg's Whoring with History.

Sincerely,

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